SOME PLATT HAS SUMMONED

EX-GOV. BLACK SAID TO BE ON THE LIST.

A Piedged Delegation to Chicago as Well as the Albany Committees to Be Discussed-Governor Said to Be Nettled by the Call-Other Nettles, Too.

Republicans down this way did not care credit yesterday reports from Albany to the effect that Gov. Odell was nettled because Senator Platt had invited him along with forty or fifty other Republicans rom above the city line to come to New Vork city at their convenience and discuss the situation in the State and the prospects for next year before Senator Platt returns to Washington on Jan. 4. Representative Littauer, who is facetiously spoken of as Gov. Odell's wardman, turned up in New York city yesterday and said a few things to the effect that Gov. Odell was already the acknowledged Republican boss of the State, and one or two more of Gov. Odell's triends said the same.

It was ascertained that Senator Platt had sent his invitations to Republicans who are supposed to be friendly to both the Senator and the Governor. Some of the Republicans who have been invited to meet Senator Platt are, it was said, Speaker S. Frederick Nixon of Chautauqua, Assistant Treasurer Hamilton Fish of Putnam, Collector Stranahan of Oswego, ex-Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth of Niagara. Timothy L. Woodruff of Kings, Col. George W. Dunn of Broome, Louis F. Payn of Columbia, William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, ex-Senator Hobart Krum of Scoharie, ex-Gov. Frank S. Black of Renseelaer. ex-Gov. Frank S. Black of Rensselaer, Representatives George W. Dwight of Tompkins and De Alva S. Alexander of Erie, Francis Hendricks of Onondaga, Tom Wheeler of Oneida, George W. Aldridge of Monroe, William C. Warren and Postmaster Greiner of Erie, James S. Whipple of Cattaraugus, ex-Representative William L. Ward of Westchester, Frederick D. Kilburn of Franklin, Isaac V. Baker of Washington, William Worden of Saratoga, G. D. B. Hasbrouck of Ulster, Edwin A. Bond and Edward N. Smith of Jefferson, Senator George R. Malby of St. Lawrence and Senator John Raines of Canandaigua. It has been announced for some time

It has been announced for some time that three of the four delegates at large to be named by the State convention which is to assemble in April to the National Convention at Chicago, will be Senator Platt, Senator Depew and Gov. Odell, and that the fourth man has not been selected as yet. The discussions with the visiting Republicans, it was said, will include the make-up of Speaker Nixon's Assembly committees, prospective legislation at Al-bany, and the general situation in the oany, and the general situation in the State, which, at the present moment, is not, in the opinion of most Republicans, particularly happy. The severe legisla-tion which the Republican Legislatures have directed toward the cities of the first and second class within the last half dozen years has, it is admitted by some, tended to progress the Demogratic votes in those cities. vers has, it is admitted by some, tended to increase the Democratic vote in those cities; and some Republicans are very sceptical of any healthful results coming out of any reorganization which Gov. Odell has almost undertaken ready undertaken.

The subject of Congress delegates to be

elected to the national convention will undoubtedly come in for a good deal of discussion at the conference. Several Republicans who discussed this matter yesterday said that they were very much opposed to a united delegation to the national convention pledged for President Roosevelt, while others believed, and so expressed themselves that the President Roosevelt, while others believed, and so expressed themselves, that the President should have a solid delegation pledged to him from his own State. This will be thoroughly threshed out in the go as you please discussions which Senator Platt is to have with the visiting Republicans. It was too early, it was said, to talk about candidates for the Republican State ticket, although it has been said that the right to furnish the candidate for Governor will be claimed by the Republicans from the western counties.

western counties.

After all that was said yesterday by all sorts of Republicans in discussing Senator Platt's invitations to the up Sstate Republi-cans at this time, it was recalled that Senator Platt for many years had issued similar invitations to the Republicans to come down and see him in holiday week, before the Legislature convened. These Republicans went on to say that even though Gov. Odell had returned from Washington and in his pronunciamentos left no other de-duction than that he had assumed the bossship of the Republican party in the State. Senator Platt still felt that he was doing business at the same old stand, and that Senator Platt's followers in the State would

business at the same old stand, and that Senator Platt's followers in the State would have been very much grieved had he not sent out his usual holiday invitation.

Of course, there were friends of Senator Platt around who said this, and friends of Gov. Odell were on deck who did not hesitate to declare that Gov. Odell and his friends were inimical to Senator Platt's further leadership, and that Senator Platt and his friends were quite aware of this attitude. The Senator's friends were saying that it was time that he started in to let it be known to the Republicans of the State that Gov. Odell and his followers would not be permitted to massacre every friend Senator Platt had made during the years he was building up the party in the State and electing Morton, Black. Rooseveit and Odell Governors, and expuring control of both houses at Albany.

Republicans who talked with Senator Platt said that he had given the Republican situation in the State much consideration of late, and that he thought it time that the prospects of the party next year should be theroughly gone over. Some Republi-

of late, and that he thought it this that the prospects of the party next year should be thoroughly gone over. Some Republicans did not hesitate to say that since Gov. Odell had assumed the hossakip of the State, many Republicans had been weaned from their allegiance, because they did not believe that the Governor was the right

man to lead the party.

Gov. Odell's friends recalled that when he assumed the bos-sship of the State he said that he was compelled to do so because, as he said at the time, "I found that my future was all behind me." Gov. Odell's friends then went on to say that he was a friends then went on to say that he was a teal live candidate for renomination for Governor next year, because his friends believed that only by his renomination and reelection could he maintain what some Republicans say is his very pre-carious position in the Republican party of the State. That he really is a candidate for renomination next year one of his personal friends who is authorized to speak for him has informed Republicans in Washington.

CAUSE OF FRENCH REVOLUTION. Mr. Hardwicke Says He Did Not Assign an

Former Assistant District Attorney Hardwicke said yesterday that THE SUN's statement of Wednesday morning to the effect that he had told Recorder Goff that the French Revolution was caused by the fact that the French nobility were allowed to carry arms, and that the peasantry were

carry arms, and that the peasantry were not, was incorrect.

"I said it was one of the causes," said Mr. Hardwicke. "I also said that Section 356 of the Penal Code provides that a person accused of felony is entitled to be present at all stages of his trial before the court. My client was not called in when the jury came in for special instructions. I maintained that the defendant was entitled to a new trial on this ground."

Mr. Hardwicke's client was sent to the penitentiary for six months for carrying

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CITY TAKES SUBWAY PROPERTY, Saving the Construction Company From Taxes on Its Power House Plant.

The Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company transferred yesterday to the city the plot of land running east from Seventh avenue to the Harlem River, be-tween 148th and 150th streets. This plot the construction company bought some time ago from Sarah Pinkney for its big

It is now handed over to the city to hold fee. This means that taxes on it will remitted.

FRYE AGAIN ACCUSES WOOD. Explains His Letter of "Exoneration" and What Followed It.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Dec. 24 .- Regarding the reorts printed in American papers that Alexis E. Frye, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction, who appeared as a witness in the Wood hearing before the Senate Committee, had been confronted by a letter written by himself to Secretary of War Root, in which he exonerated Gen. Wood from the charges he had made against him, Mr. Frye explains that the letter was written in September, after he had had a conversation with Gen. Wood, in which the latter assured him upon his honor that he thought Mr. Frye knew, about the preparation of the new school law, which Mr. Frye had regarded as one of the signs that Gen. Wood was not acting in good faith. Mr. Frye was convinced by Gen. Wood's assertions and wrote to Mr. Rot saying that he had misjudged Gen. Wood and that the fault was his own for not having a frank talk with Gen. Wood. His

letter was very strong. He waited a month for the promised changes in the school law, but rothing was done. He then saw Gen. Wood, who said he thought the changes had been made long before. November cane, and still nothing had been done. Mr. Frye again called on Gen. Wood, who expressed surprise, saying there had been an oversight on his part. Nevertheles nothing was done, and finally on Jan. f Mr. Frye resigned, realizing that Gen. Wood was not acting in good faith.

Mr. Frye adds that he produced the letter before the committee to show that he had been willing to right the supposed wrong he had done Ger. Wood.

A DOG PUNISHED FOR THEFT.

Stole Door Mats, Rugs and Milk and

Took Them to Its Master's House. BUFFALO, Dec. 24 .- Life imprisonment for stealing is the punishment that has been meted out to a little dog owned by James Spaulding of Oak Orchard, Orleans The dog stob continually from county. Mr. Spaulding's neighbors and carried the stolen articles to his paster's home. Door mats, rugs, carpets, milk cans, brooms and similar things were taken daily by the

dog and returned nightly by Mr. Spaulding. The limit was resched a few days ago. when the dog began early in the morning stealing wood from a pile in the yard of Fred Achilles, who lives opposite the Spauldings. By night the dog had a big pile of wood in his master's yard and Mr. Spaulding spent nearly an lour in returning it. Then the dog was sert away to Mr. Spaulding's farm, where he will be confined in a big field from which there will be no escape

EX-SLEUTE'S WHISKERS STOLEN.

He's From Denmark, and He Wanted a Chance to Use His Disguises Here.

Hans Masen, who says he is a former ex-Lieutenant of the Danish Army and an ex-detective of the Copenhagen police, went to the Yorkville police court yesterday and applied to Magistrate Mayo for a search warrant to examine the premises of one of his neighbors.

He was accompanied by Detectives Vandersu and Devlin of the East Sixtyseventh street station, who acknowledged their isability to catch the thief, who carried off a fur overcoat, a silver watch, some Danish coins and a fine assortment of false whisters from the home of the ex-Lieutenent at 1483 Second avenue three weeks

Matsen wrote to Police Commissioner Greene telling him of the robbery and intimated that American detectives were no good. If the robbery had occurred in

Europe, he said, some one would have been strested long ago.

The letter also explained that the whiskers that had been stolen were used for disguises by the ex-sleuth in Denmark, and he was desirious of recovering them, as he expected to use them in this city. He intended to apply for appointment on the city's detective force as soon as he took out his first citizenship papers.

"Why do you want a search warrant?" asked the Magistrate.

"I have a sure clue," answered the Danlah Sherlock Holmes, as he opened a handbag and took out a white bed quilt.

"There she is," he announced.

"Where?" asked the Magistrate.

"There. Don't you see her foot?" Matsen replied as he pointed to some marks on the quilt.

"That looks more like three feet than one. Europe, he said, some one would have been arrested long ago.

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"She's a big woman. The biggest on the block. She's 6 feet 2 inches, and no other woman could make that mark. Isn't that a good clue? I know she's the thief. When my wife was away from home and no one was there this big woman goes into my rooms and in getting down my fur coat she stepped on the bed and left this mark."

"I cannot issue any warrant on such evidence," announced the Magistrate.

GOV. ODELL CANNOT ATTEND. Invited to a Conference in Washington

Forward International Arbitration. ALBANY, Dec. 24 .- At the request of the National Arbitration Committee, of which the Hon. John W. Foster of Washington

is chairman, a committee representing the New York State Bar Association, consisting of Supreme Court Justice Chester, Frederick E. Wadhams, secretary of the State Bar Association, and J. Newton Fiero, chairman of the committee on law reform

chairman of the committee on law reform of the association, called on Gov. Odell to-day to invite him to attend a conference at Washington on Jan. 12, to forward international arbitration.

In presenting the invitation, Mr. Wadhams said that a national arbitration committee had been organized in Washington, consisting of the Hon. John W. Foster, President Eliot of Harvard University, Judge Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut. the Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, the Hon. Moorefield Storey of Boston and other non. moorened storey of Boston and other prominent men representing several States, to secure the adoption of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which these two nations would agree to which these two nations would agree to refer certain cases to The Hague tribunal.

The Governor expressed his regrets that a previous engagement would prevent his attendance.

STOLE HIS STEPCHILDREN.

Gev. Pennypacker's Nephew Leaves His Wife-Police Asked to Look for Him.

Mrs. Florence Whittaker of this city has asked the police of Newark to help her to find her runaway husband and her three boys. She says that he is George L. Whit-taker, a nephew of Gov. Pennypacker of Pennsylvania, and that this is the second ime he has deserted her since their mar-

time he has deserted her since their marriage, nine years ago.

They separated about a year ago, she remaining in Philadelphia and he coming to this city. Ten days ago a reconciliation took place and they were about to make a home at Tremont, N. Y., but stayed in this city. Whittaker, she says, left her on Monday and she has not seen him since.

She was a widow with two children when he married her. He took her two children by her first husband and their own baby. She has traced him to Newark.

Let Life Saver Out of Jail.

A letter from Max L. Schwartz of 1655 Madison avenue stating that one Thomas Riley, who had pleaded guilty to attempted burglary of a butcher shop while he was drunk, had saved the life of Mrs. Schwartz some months ago when she fell into the East river at 106th street, got Riley out of jail for Christmas. Judge McMahon suscourt Justice Scott so that the decree shall bear date as of April 14 last, though it was entered only a few days ago. Mr. Hanan was remarried in April at Narragansett Pier. pended sentence. .

TIMELY GIFTS TO BRAVE COPS. 600 MORE MARINES TO PANAMA Riot Relief Fund Surplus and Life Saving Awards Distributed. NAVY DEPARTMENT DECIDES TO

assume command of the marine forces on the

Isthmus. His staff will consist of Capt.

Leonard, who lost an arm in the Pekin

campaign, and Lieut. Evans, who was

with Gen. Elliott in the Philippines; aides

Major Radford, Chief Quartermaster, and

Capts. Matthews and Powell, Quarter-

The battalions will be commanded by

Lieut.-Cols. Biddle and Waller and Majors Mahoney and Cole. The other officers to

go on the Dixie are Capts. A. S. Williams

and C. H. Lyman, Regimental Adjutants;

First Lieuts, E. B. Miller and McCormick

Battalion Adjutants; Capts. Reid, Bootes,

Hopkins, Jolly, C. C. Carpenter and Wal-

lace, and Second Lieuts. Wills, Smith, Kil-

The cruiser Olympia, flagship of Rear

Admiral Coghlan, has been ordered to

Admiral Coghlan, has been ordered to Cartagena to get Minister Beaupré, who is returning to the United States from Colombia on leave of absence.

Mail reports from Rear Admirals Glass and Coghlan, who are respectively at Panama and Colom, were received by the Navy Department to-day. Under date of Dec.

14 Admiral Glass reported as follows:

Since my last report by letter, dated the

Until the 10th inst. the vessels of the Carit

Until the 10th inst. the vessels of the Caribbean squadron effectively patrolled the north coast of Panama to Cape Tiburon, but having learned of the reported landing of a body of Colombian troops on the Colombian coast, somewhere between Cape Tiburon and the Atrate River, I directed that the patrol be extended to the mouth of the Atrate and somewhat to the eastward, for the purpose of verifying the reports of the movements of the Colombian troops. Up to the present time no very definite news from that quarter has been received. Reports have been very conflicting, but after carefully sifting them I believe it is probable that the Colombian gunboats Pinzon and Cartegena landed about 500 men at or in the vicinity of Acanti on the 8th inst.

I have directed the marine battalion from the Divise to go into comp at Empire, on the main line of the Panama Railroad This position is at a high elevation, has a number of buildings available for quarters and a good supply of water. Every precaution is being taken as to sanitary conditions.

Admiral Coghlan, in a report dated Dec.

Admiral Coghlan, in a report dated Dec 15, had this to say:

ashore to-day and proceeded to camp at

Bas Obispo, thirty-one miles out on the

railroad. The camps are thoroughly

equipped. There are now 900 marines

The United States cruiser Olympia has

gone to Cartagena, where Mr. Beaupre, the American Minister at Bogota, will

HOLQUIN OFF TO LONDON.

Colombian Commissioners Reticent Abou

His Errand.

Gen. Jorge Holquin, a colleague of Gen

the steamer La Bretagne, for Havre. His

was on a purely personal matter, although

rumor had it that he goes to London to dis-

cuss the Panama-Colombia situation with

Gen. Holquin is an important figure

Caballero, two other members of the com-mission from Bogota, were in this city yes-terday at the Hotel Felix, in West Twenty-fifth street. Gen. Nel Ospina is a niember of the Colombian Senate and at the recent

of the Colombian senate and at the recent elections was a candidate for the Presidency. Both commissioners were as reticent as Gen. Holquin regarding affairs in Colombia and on the Isthmus. They came from Washington on private business.

WAR CRY CON INED TO BOGOTA

The Caribbean Coast Towns of Colombia

Indifferent to Events in the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- The Government

has received reliable information that, in

spite of reports to the contrary, the towns on the Caribbean coast of Colombia are not

in sympathy with any hostile movement against the Isthmus. The people in these towns are indifferent to the events at

Panama and the cry for war is confined to Bogota. The coast towns, it is declared, are very quiet and show no signs of be-

coming disturbed.

The cruiser Olympia arrived at Colon vesterday. Rear Admiral Coghlan will shift his flag to her from the Mayflower.

Cuba Recognizes Panama Republic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Señor Quesada.

the Cuban Minister, called at the State Department this morning and formally notified the United States Government that the Republic of Cuba had recognized the Republic of Panama.

Hanan Divorce Decree Dated Back.

The final decree divorcing Mrs. Henrietta

F. Hanan from John H. Hanan, the shoe

manufacturer, has been altered by Supreme

doing shore duty.

destination is London.

the British Foreign Office.

gore, Merriam, Yates and Hamilton.

masters.

The Riot Relief Association some time ago sent Police Commissioner Greene SEND THEM ON THE DIXIE. \$1,000 to be given to ten policemen who had performed acts of heroism in saving Bry .- Gen. Elliott to Go and Take Command human life. Gen. Greene found nine men of the Whole Isthmian Force-Panama deserving of this money and selected yes-Has Established Outposts to Watch for terday as an opportune time for the pres-Any Colombian Invasion by Land entation. The nine men were summoned WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Secretary of the to Police Headquarters yesterday and each

Tavy Moody to-day determined definitely received \$100. They are:

Fatrolmen Michael J. Coyne of the Delancey street station; Joseph N. McNierney of East Sixty-seventh street, Christopher C. O'Brien, of East 126th street, Joseph C. Osborn of High Bridge, Thomas F. Meade of the Harbor Police, David J. Goss of the Alexander avenue station; Roundsmen James F. Connors of West 106th street, John Dwyer, skipper of the Police Boat Patrol, and James W. Hallock of the Harbor Police.

In presenting the money, Gen! Greene received \$100. They are: send additional battalions of marines to the Isthmus. These troops, numbering 600 men, will sail on the Dixie, which is taking stores aboard at League Island, and will probably be ready to sail on Monday. Brig.-Gen. Elliott, commandant of the Marine Corps, will accompany the expe dition, and upon his arrival at Colon will

W. Hallock of the Harbor Police.

In presenting the money, Gen. Greene especially complimented Patrolmen O'Brien and Goss. The former crawled under an electric car at 125th street and Third avenue on July 4 and saved the life of an employee. O'Brien was nearly killed himself in making the rescue.

Patrolman Goss went into a brewery in The Bronx and rescued a man who was unconscious from the fumes of ammonia. Goss dragged his man to the street and then fell unconscious.

fell unconscious.

In addition to this money, the Benevolent
Life Saving Fund sent \$100 and five medals

to Commissioner Greene several days ago to be given to policemen who had plunged into the river and saved lives. Gen. Greene found that five men had performed such acts. Two of them were among the roundsmen that had received \$100 each. The five are

Roundsmen Dwyer and Hallock of the Harbor Police, and Patrolmen Charles J. Sheridan of the Leonard street station; Henry Storiaham of East Thirty-fifth street, and Dennis J. Reilly of Old slip.

Each of these received a medal and a

rach of these received a metal and a 20 gold piece.

In addition to these Gen. Greene awarded from the Police Relief Fund \$200 to Mrs. Nellie Cavanaugh, whose husband, John, died as the result of injuries received in pursuing a prisoner.

HELP FOR MARY MURRAY. Destitute Woman Sent to the Island Gerry Society Has Her Children.

THE SUN acknowledges the receipt of \$1 from "Two of Them" and \$3 from "X Y Z " for Mary Murray and children. Mrs. Murray was committed to Blackwell's Island by Magistrate Crane in the Morrisania police court yesterday morning. According to the story told in court. Mrs. Murray is Mary Mooney, and she had lived with a man who said his name was Murray, and who she learned had a wife and children. He had provided for her until re-

cently.

Magistrate Crane gave her \$5, adding,
"There is a chance for some rich man to do a great service to humanity by founding a home for women such as this one. Pe-ceived and deserted, it is a wonder to me now they have the resolution to continue Two of her children were sent to the Gerry society, and last night they en-joyed the festivities and the Christmas

Department to-day. Under date of Dec.

14 Admiral Glass reported as follows:

Since my last report by letter, dated the
1st inst., perfect quiet has existed in all parts
of the Republic of Panama. The Panama
Government has established an outpost of
fifty men at Moel de Santa Maria, on the
Tuira River, with scouts operating toward
the Colombian frontier; also a post at Chepo
on the Chepo River.

On the 8th inst. the Boston proceeded to
San Miguel Bay, arriving there the following
day. A party was sent up the river in boats
to Moal de Santa Maria and Yavina to communicate with the inhabitants and investigate rumors of an invasion of the Isthmus
by Colombian forces and to obtain information as to the practicability of such an invasion. The Boston returned to this porton the 13th, reporting all quiet in the district
visited and no knowledge of any movements
of Colombian troops. The information obtained would seem to verify reports previously
made to me that while an invasion is possible,
the progress of any considerable force must
necessarily be very slow, as roads through
the forests would have to be cut and as
facilities for transporting large bodies of men
by the rivers are inadequate.

On the 8th inst. the Concord was despatched
to David, on the west coast of Panama, to
communicate with the local authorities and
to obtain information as to the condition of
affairs in that neighborhood. The commanding officer of the Concord reports having
been received by the local authorities in a
most cordial manner and that the signing of
the Canal treaty and other acts of the Panama
Government were fully approved at a ratification meeting.

Until the loth inst, the vessels of the Carib-The baby accompanied the mother to the Islan BOGUS DEEDS FOR BONDSMEN Nichols Held on the Charge of Supplying

Straw Ball Givers. William Nichols of 980 Mott street was arrested yesterday, on complaint of Assistant District Attorney Miner, on a charge of subornation of perjury. Magistrate Ommen held him in \$2,500 bonds for ex-

Ommen held him in \$2,500 bonds for examination on Tuesday.

It is alleged that Nichols has furnished bogus deeds to professional bondsmen. Information leading to his arrest was obtained from Alphonse Sterkx, a convict now serving a term of two years and six months in Sing Sing for swearing falsely to the ownership of real estate.

Sterkx after his conviction made a confession implicating Nichols. That was nearly five months ago. Detectives searched for Nichols without success, and it was supposed that he had left the city.

Mr. Miner saw him in a Sixth avenue

Mr. Miner saw him in a Sixth avenue elevated train on his way downtown yesterday and pointed him out to a policeman.

LACKAWANNA BRIDGE OPENED. Part of the Old Pier Was Blasted Away

The big steel draw of the Lackawanna Railroad across the Passaic River at Newark was swung at noon yesterday for the first time since it was lowered to its new pivot pier on Sunday. About six feet of the old pivot pier had to be removed before the draw would swing clear, and the ma-sonry was so well built that blasting had to be resorted to.

When the draw was opened yesterday

when the draw was opened yesterday there was some difficulty in completely revolving it owing to measurements and new machinery, but the trouble was corrected in about an hour. Meanwhile a lot of trains on the busy road were de-tained on both sides of the river and tugs, schooners and other craft which had been held up since Saturday night went on their way up and down the stream.

The last doubt of the success of Engineer

Lincoln Bush's novel movement of the draw is now set at rest.

Repairs to the Winslow Will Cost \$22,000 The torpedo boat Winslow, which collided with the ferryboat America on Tues day last, breaking her own nose, was placed Rafael Reyes on the Colombian commis-sion to Washington, sailed yesterday on in Dry Dock 1, at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, yesterday. Examination showed that the damage was greater than at first estimated and that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$22,000 to put the vessel in shape again. As soon as orders are received from Washington the work will be begun. Among local Colombians there was much speculation as to the object of Gen. Holington the work will be begun. quin's trip abroad. He declared that it

New \$800,000 Hotel for the Tenderloin Plans have been filed for a twelve story fireproof hotel, to be built for C. F. Rogers of this city opposite the old Hotel Brunswick site, at 10 to 14 Fast Twenty-seventh street, and running through the block to 11 to 15 Fast Twenty-eighth street. The the politics of Colombia and was Minister of Foreign Affairs in the administration of President Caro. Gen. Pedro Nel Ospina and Dr. Lucas cost is estimated at \$800,000.

The Weather.

There were two storms in operation yesterday central in the Arkansas Valley and the other over the upper Lake regions. Both were headed this way. They were not of great energy, but were increasing in force. Rain was falling from Louisiana and the Arkansas Valley northeast over the Tennessee and Ohlo valleys and the southern section of the Lake regions, with light rain reach ing to the Atlantic coast. There was rain and snow in the northern section of the Lake regions and snow in Montana. Threatening conditions prevailed in the Atlantic States. The only clear weather was in the Rocky Mountain States. There was a decided rise of temperature in all the Atlantic States, the Lake regions, the Tennessee and Ohio valleys, where it was above the freezing point. There was no very cold weather anywhere. In this city the day was cloudy, with a light fall of rain in the afternoon; wind, fresh southerly: average humidity, 62 per cent.; barometer, cor rected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.17; 3 P. M.

official thermometer, is shown in the annexed 1903, 1902, 9 A. M. 37° 24° 6 P. M. 12 M. 41° 30° 9 P. M. 3 P. M. 46° 32° 12 Mid...

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO DAY AND TO MORROW.

For eastern New York, rain to-day and colder in ucestern portion: threatening weather and colder to morrow, probably rain or snow in south portion; brisk southwest to west winds, becoming variable. For Delaware, New Jersey and castern Pennsyl. vania, rain to-day; fresh to brisk south to west winds; threatening and colder and probably rain or snow to-morrow.

For western New York, rain or snow and colde

to-day; snow to-morrow; brisk to high west to north winds. For the District of Columbia and Maryland, rain to-day, followed by clearing; threatening and colder and probably rain or snow to-morrow; fresh south to west winds, becoming variable. For New England, rain in south, rain or snow in north portion to-day and colder; cloudy and probably rain or snow in extreme south portion

CUBA TO SHOW BAD FAITH?

to Repudiate the Treaty-Enormous

Increase in the Rates is Proposed.

AFFECTS RECIPROCITY TREATY. enor Bustamente Warns the Senate That the United States Would Have the Right

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA. Dec. 24.-The debate on tariff reform was continued in the Senate to-day. Señor Bustamente attacked the plan proposed, which is still kept secret, on the ground that it suppressed some paragraphs referred to in the reciprocity treaty with the United States and would therefore entitle the United States to repudiate the convention because the benefits which it ought to get under the treaty would not be obtained. Cuba would thus be exposed to a diplomatic snub from the United

Moreover, the plan provided for an exorbitant increase in the duties on some products. The tariff on rice, for instance, was increased 185 per cent.; on maize, 600, on vehicles, 124; on bottled beer, 89; on eider, 163; on mineral waters, 162; on cutlery, 35, and on surgical instruments, 92 per cent., as compared with the present tariffs. Such duties, Senor Bustamente ontended, would shut out European competition and greatly increase the cost to the duties were on articles of general consumption, which would increase the cost of

Senor Bustamente added that the present tariff had been made by the Americans with the idea of increasing the volume of American trade, of providing for the cost of the Government of intervention, and of reviving the industries of Cuba. It had succeeded admirably for the last two years, as the customs receipts had been good and the condition of the country had been improved. The new plan had been made with the idea of obtaining a revenue of \$18,000,000, whereas it should give \$28, 000,000, as the rates were so high.

Senor Silva replied that the rates appeared high because Senor Bustamente had selected them arbitrarily, but, though the percentage of increase in some cases was apparently high, the present tariff, on which the increases were based, was very low. The plan proposed an average increase of 30 per cent., whereas the tariff of 1897 averaged an increase of 371/2 percent. He denied that the reciprocity treaty had not been regarded in preparing the pian, and said that it had been respected in every detail. He contended that the lowering of duties during the intervention had not benefited the consumer, prices remaining the same.

Señor Recio said that the reciprocity treaty placed Cuba in a dilemna. She had either to face a reduction in her revenues or expel European trade by raising the duties.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY TREATY.

some Articles Imported From This Country That Enjoy an Advantage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-A despatch of much importance to commercial interests has just been received by Acting Secretary Loomis from Mr. Sleeper, United States Chargé at Havana, in relation to the application to business of the new Cuban reciprocity treaty. The Charge says that the Cuban Secretary of State has addressed a circular to Cuban Collectors of Customs notifying them that the treaty will take effect beginning the 27th inst. In addition to the present declarations by manufacturers or producers in the United States, the invoices must contain statements that the articles are the product of the soil or in-

dustry of the United States.
Some of the clauses of the treaty have already been analyzed by the Cuban Treasury Department, the glass schedules coming in for special attention. It has been an in for special attention. It has been set-tled that window glass shall enjoy a 30 per cent., instead of a 25 per cent. advantage, the latter rate applying only to other glass. Porcelains have a 40 per cent. advantage. Cutlery gets a 30 per cent. advantage, as do cotton and manufactures thereof, with the single exception of knitted goods, which enjoy a 40 per cent. advantage with woollen manufactures. Printing paper

with woollen manufactures. Printing paper enjoys a 30 per cent. rate, while ordinary paper has a 20 per cent. advantage.

Cattle are the only live stock that get a 40 per cent. advantage, other kinds getting only 20 per cent. reduction. Machinery enjoys a 25 per cent. advantage, except when copper does not predominate, in which case the 20 per cent. reduction is extended. Butter has a 30 per cent. advantage, but oleomargarine or mixed butter receives a 20 per cent. reduction. Only merchandise reaching Cuba after the time at which the treaty takes effect, that is, after 12 o'clock on the night of the 26th inst., shall enjoy the benefits of the treaty. inst., shall enjoy the benefits of the treaty.

BROOKLYN TRANSPORTATION. Kings Grand Jury Says It Can Be Regulated and Tells How.

The Kings county Grand Jury for December handed down to the County Court yesterday a long presentment in relation to passenger transportation in Brooklyn, upon which it had made extended inquiry. After calling attention to the lack of proper traffic facilities, the crowded condition of the cars and their lack of heat, the irregularities in the service and the frequency of accidents, the Grand Jury says:

The mere knowledge of the conditions existing at the bridge should spur all our authorities not to lose a moment in giving us relief. That the safety of the public is not of great concern to them seems to be evidenced by the concern to them seems to be evidenced by the fact that no approaches have been provided for the Williamsburg Bridge, which is otherwise nearing completion, and that additional and improved means of crossing the stream like ferries which the city has been authorized by the Legislature to purchase, are still in private hands, run in a haphazard manner, when a proper schedule on them and on the connecting car service would afford a considerable amount of relief to a large section of the city and would relieve the bridge to that extent.

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The third rail question, one which affects our people to the greatest degree, in view of the many accidents which it causes, thanks to the careless methods of the companies as far as relates to the repair of their rolling stock and electric appliances, is, we are assured, receiving the careful attention of the heads of the corporation. It is possible that in time, when a method will be found cheap enough to be attractive which will lessen the perils caused by that means of electric traction, the management will adopt it if it ever becomes convinced that it will prove cheaper than the eventual payment of damage suits resulting from accidents. But here again there is no one empowered to make them adopt the safety device, be it ever so perfect.

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It is readily seen that as there are no laws to govern the case, no ordinances to be enforced, no authority whose province it is to enforce them, cars will continue to be overcrowded, the service will continue to be irregular, people will continue to be subjected to freezing temperatures and drafty vehicles; the lack of headlights on trains, the electric current of the third rail, defective insulation due to slovenly repairs in the machine shops, will continue to kill and main people, and there is no redress but the verdict of "accidental homicide" on the part of the Coroner, or, at best, a verdict for damages in a case where the negligence of the corporation is too flagrant.

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The Grand Jury makes these suggestions of a remedy for the existing conditions:
In order to afford some remedy the few laws and ordinances which have been enacted must be compiled with and freed from any ambiguity which makes their execution impossible. Others of a stringent nature, though perfectly fair and reasonable, providing severe penalities for infraction, must be pressed by the competent authorities, Legislature or Council, under the clause of the public welfare and safety, and their enforcement should be intrusted to a local body of electrical railroad commissioners.

SHEARD MUST REFUND \$1,500. Former Speaker of the Assembly Caught in a Stock Transaction. CHARGE THAT NEW TARIFF PLAN

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.-By a decision handed down by Justice Maurice L. Wright, the Hon. Titus Sheard, formerly Speaker of the Assembly, must refund about \$1,500 on a stock transaction of two years ago. He owned stock in the Frontenac Paper Company of Dexter, which was purchased by the Dexter Sulphite Company on the basis of a statement of the liabilities and assets of the company. After the transfer it was found that the liabilities were larger and the assets smaller than represented. All the stockholders refunded over 50 per cent. except Sheard.

Hence this action.

Mr. Sheard declared that the proposition Mr. Sneard declared that the proposition to sell on the basis of the statement was unknown to him and that he sold outright to Postmaster R. J. Buck of this city, who bought it for Dr. Charles E. Campbell of New York, president of the Dexter Sulphite Pulp and Paper Company.

MOODY MERRILL DIES SUDDENLY Fled From Boston and Lived Honorably in

New Mexico as Col. Grayson. DENVER, Dec. 24 .- Moody Merrill, who was known in New Mexico and the West as Col. Charles F. Grayson, died suddenly this morning at Silver City, N. M., of pneumonia. He was formerly president of the Silver City National Bank and during his nine years' residence in the Territory was interested in mining. He also took up and ably handled several large financial proposiconsumer. A majority of the increased | tions in the way of refunding indebtedness of New Mexican counties. His record in the Territory is honorable and he was highly esteemed. The news that he was using an alias and his indictment in Boston created

a great sensation throughout New Mexico.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Moody Merrill was born in Campton, N. H., in 1836. He came born in Campton, N. H., in 1836. He came to Boston, studied law and became a power here politically and in the financial world. He aided in building up the street railway system of the city only to be involved in a number of unsuccessful financial operations. When his plans failed and he lost his own fortune and the money of trustful relatives and friends Merrill disappeared in 1893. For ten years he lived in Silver City under the name of Col. Charles F. Grayson. At one time Merrill was worth \$1,000,000, but when he came back to Boston last May he said that he had exhausted all his resources in sending \$20,000 to pay some old claims in Boston. He made and lost many fortunes.

fortunes.

Merrill's greatest achievement, while a member of the Legislature, was the abolition of the old State constabulary. He exposed the corruption of that organization so successfully that the bill abolishing the force was passed over the Governor's v Last spring he was arrested in New and was brought back to Boston to an indictment of embezzling \$12,000 from Mrs. Sarah Cohen. He was released on \$10,000 bail and returned to New Mexico. After his departure another indictment was returned against him and recently he was defaulted. He leaves a wife and President Littleton's Brother Dead

Martin W. Littleton, President of the Borough of Brooklyn, received news yes-terday of the death of his brother, Sanford Selson Littleton, at Knoxville, Tenn. The latter was prominent in Democratic politics and had served as Mayor of Knox-

Obituary Notes.

John H. Brax ton, a prominent worker for the advancement of the negro, and one of the best known colored citizens of Brooklyn, died at his home, 816 Lafayette avenue, on Tuesday. He was born in Virginia in 1846. When a small boy he made his way to this city and secured employment. He was appointed superintendent of the Continental Life Insurance Building in 1876, which place he held at the time of his death. He was highly esteemed by his employers. During the years that he has been about the insurance building he made many friends and invested his money in real estate and other securities, so that when he died he owned several houses in the vicinity of his home and had \$50,000 in bank, besides several heavy insurance policies on his life. He was a member of the African Mutual Relief Society and the Usly Club of New York and Newport, and served on the vestry of St. Phillip's Protestant Episcopal Church for sixteen years. died at his home, 816 Lafayette avenue, on two daughters.

two daugnters.

Gen. Alfred Perkins Rockwell of Boston, aged 69, died suddenly of heart failure in New Haven yesterday. He was there on a visit, and had made a call at the Con-New Haven yesterday. He was there on a visit, and had made a call at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, soon after which he was taken ill. He was born in Norwich, Conn., and was graduated from Yale University in 1855. He then studied mining engineering at Yale and in London and Saxony. He served through the civil war, first as Captain of the Connecticut Light Battery and then as Colonel of the Sixth Connecticut Volunteers, and was brevetted Brigadier-General for gallant and distinguished services in 1864. He was for three years professor of mining engineering in the Yale scientific school, and for five years in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was president of the Eastern Railroad now the Boston and Maine road, from 1876 to 1879. He leaves one daughter, Diana W. Rockwell of Boston. His wife died several years ago.

years ago.

Dr. Daniel Embury Kissam, a resident of Huntington, L. I., died in his home, Ketewamoke, Huntington Harbor, last night. Dr. Kissam from 1848 to 1888 practised as a physician and surgeon in Brooklyn. He was a native of New York city and was born on Oct. 3, 1817. He was visiting surgeon of the Brooklyn Hospital and perfected many contrivances for surgical operations. In 1862 he volunteered as a surgeon and went to the front. Dr. Kissam was married on June 11, 1839, to Miss Hannah Aymar of New York city. He leaves three children.

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June 11, 1830, to Miss Hannah Aymar of New York city. He leaves three children.

Robert Burnet, Jr., 36 years old, died at 36 North Walnut street, East Orange, the home of his father, early this morning of spinal meningitis. He was taken ill there last Tuesday while on a visit. He lived in Roseville and was engaged in business in New York. The funeral services will be held on Saturday at his father's home. The Rev. James M. Ludlow, pastor of the Munn Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, will officiate.

The Rev. Henry Williams Ackerley, 60 years old, is dead in Kingston, N. Y., after an illness of three months. He had been a member of the Methodist Conference since 1884. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Rifton M. E. Church. He was a son of the late Rev. Ananias Ackerley, and is survived by a widow and two sons, one being the Rev. E. E. Ackerley, and by one brother, who is the Rev. J. W. Ackerley of Philmont, James P. Bogart, aged 51, one of the lead-

James P. Bogart, aged 51, one of the leading civil engineers of Connecticut, died yesterday at his home in New Haven of pneumonia. He was a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School in the class of '72, and was the first engineer of the Shellish Commisthe first engineer of the Shellish Commis-sion in Connecticut. His brother is John B. Bogart, a well known newspaper man of New York. He leaves a widow and two daughters. York. He leaves a widow and two daughters.
Capt. John A. Bouker, 74 years old, of 327
Communipaw avenue, Jersey City, died of apoplexy yesterday in a Pacific avenue trolley car at Pacific and Johnston avenues, that city. He owned several towboats, which are used in and around New York harbor. He was president of the Bouker Contracting Company and of the Taylor Dredging Company. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Company and of the Taylor Dredging Company. Heleaves a widow and one daughter. Henry Clay Nesbitt of Port Deposit, Md., father of Mrs. France, wife of Dr. Joseph I. France, died yesterday in a Baltimore hospital. He was a native of California and was in his eighty-third year. His daughter, Mrs. France, was formerly Mrs. Jacob Tome, wife of the founder of the Tome Institute at Port Deposit. She became the wife of Dr. France last summer.

John Greaney, a well known Republican of Williamsburg, died on Wednesday night, in his sixty-eighth year, in his home at 112 North Eighth street. He was born in Ireland. Sixty-sven years ago his parents settled in the section of Williamsburg where he died. For many years he was the treasurer of the Holy Name Society of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

Mrs. George Temple Mayo whose husband is in the real estate business at 60 Liberty street, died yesterday at her home, 24 East Fifty-fifth street, where her stepfather, William Winslow Sherman, also lives. Mrs. Mayo was Miss Edith Tysen, the daughter of Raymond M. Tysen, a lawyer of this city.

Justin M. Noonan, a former Jersey City nan, died of chronic indigestion yesterday at his home in St. Louis. He was a member of the firm of Noonan & Kocian, dealers in artists' materials. He was a brother of Joseph M. Noonan, formerly Assistant Prosecutor of the Pleas of Hudson county.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Arrangements for the formal opening of the Roger Morris Juniel property at 160th street and Amsterdam Avenue at 2 o clock next Monday afternoon have been completed. Park Commissioner Willicox will preside at the ceremonies and Bishop Potter and Senator Depew will make speeches.



WILLIAM B. SMITH MISSING?

A MAN NAMED SMITH SAYS HE IS AND THAT HE'S HIS BROTHER.

says Also That He Is of Newmarket, N. J. -The Only Mr. B. Smith of Newmarket Is a Brother of Mrs. Charles L. Fair Who Was Killed With Her Husband in Paris.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24 .- A man who said his name was Smith and that he came from Newmarket, N. J., called at the morgue here this afternoon to view the remains of a man who is thought to have been killed by falling from a Pennsylvania passenger train between here and Rahway last Tuesday. Smith said that his brother, William Smith of Newmarket, N. J., was missing. He could not identify the body at the

morgue. The only William B. Smith of Newmarket. N. J., is the brother of Mrs. Charles L. Fair, who was killed in an automobile accident in France about a year ago. William B. Smith has no brother living in Newmarket. though there is a half-brother, Abraham Nelson, who is also a half-brother of the

Nelson, who is also a nail-brother of the late Mrs. Fair and one of the Fair heirs. William B. Smith, who has come to be known as the "Mayor" of Newmarket, was the keeper of a small bakery there before the death of Mrs. Fair. Since that time he apparently has been in affluent circumstances. The man who called at the morgue this afternoon drove up in a stylish carriage, but while there he dropped a remark that his automobile had broken down by the way.

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The visitor wore an auto cap, a style of headgear of late worn by William B. Smith. He said that his brother had left home in He said that his brother had left home in Newmarket two or three days ago and that his friends were anxious as to his whereabouts. He further said that his brother's wife had gone to Chicago in search of her husband.

of her husband.

Two days ago it was reported in Plainfield that William B. Smith had gone West in connection with a rumored settlement of the Fair will case. There was a story to the effect that he had purchased a ticket for Boulder, Col., where a brother is engaged in the mining business. in the mining business.

The same story has it that the sum of \$125,000 had been proferred to the Fair heirs in Newmarket by the Oelrichses as a

settlement of their claims against the Fair estate. It was said that William B. Smith started for Colorado to consult his brother about the offer. Who called at the morgue this afternoon is a question that cannot be settled just now.

It is certain that he was no brother of

of the man who called at the morgue does not tally with that furnished of Abraham Nelson, who is said to be at Caldwell, N. J., with the mother of Mrs. Fair.

Inquiries made to-night reveal the fact that William B. Smith has not been in Newberley for several days.

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PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 24.—William B.
Smith of Newmarket, brother of the late
Mrs. Charles L. Fair, left Plainfield Monday night via the Raltimore and Ohio for Boul-der, Col. It is reported that a settlement has been made by the local Fair heirs where-by they receive \$125,000 each. The other members of the family have heard of no

settlement.
DENVER. Col., Dec. 24.—William B. Smith has not arrived in Boulder.

Walter M. Stebbins Acquitted of Murder CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- Walter M. Stebbins, a civil engineer, was to-day acquitted of the murder of Walter A. Scott, late president of the Illinois Wire Company. Stebbins stabbed Scott last summer with a paperknife in a row between the two men in the offices of the wire company in the Monadnock Building.

Dinner to Comptroller Grout.

A complimentary dinner awaits Comptroller Edward M. Grout at the Brooklyn Club on Wednesday evening next. It will be given by Gen. James McLeer and staff of the Second Brigade on his retire-ment from his place as Judge Advocate after ten years service.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the guins, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, diarrhea. 25c. a bottle.

DIED

BOUKER .- Suddenly, at his residence, 327 Communipaw av., Jersey City, John Anderson Bouker, in the 75th year of his age. Funeral service at the Lafayette Reformed Church, Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 P. M.

BROWN.-On Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 250 West 57th st., Margaret Windle, wife of the late Charles W. Brown of Stamford, Conn., and daughter of the late Henry Windle. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mr. Frank Swan, 45 South st., Stamford, Conn., Saturday, at 12 noon.

BURNET.-Suddenly, on Dec. 24, 1903, Robert Burnet, Jr., son of Robert and Sarah Burnet. Funeral Saturday, Dec. 26, at 2 P. M., from the home of his parents, 23 North Walnut st., East Orange, N. J. Please omit Rowers. HAMLIN.-Edward Percy Hamlin, aged thirty years, youngest son of George E. Hamlin, at

Daytona, Florida, Wednesday, December 23rd, JONES.—At Flushing, L. I., on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1903, Julia N., beloved wife of David Jones. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at St. John's Church. Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., on Saturday, Dec. 28, 1903, at 12:45 P. M. Carriages in waiting at

Cold Spring station on arrival of train leaving Long Island City at 11:10 A. M. MAYO .- At the residence of her father, W. W Sherman, 24 East 55th st., Thursday, Dec. 24, 1963, Edith, wife of George Temple Mayo.

Funeral services at the Church of the Incarna-

tion, Madison av. and 35th st., Saturday, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Kindly omit flowers. RANDOL.-On Wednesday morning, Dec. 23, 1903 James Butterworth Randol, in his 68th year Funeral services on Saturday at 12 o'clock at his late residence, 17 West 73d st. Interment

private. San Francisco and European papera please copy. SYKES.—At Rockville, Conn., Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1903, George Sykes, in his 63d year. Funeral services at Rockville, Saturday, 26th

inst., at 1:30 P. M. WHITE.—Suddenly, at Brooklyn navy yard, Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1903, Edwin White, Rear Admiral, U. S. N., retired, 60 years of ago, of Princeton, N. J.

Services at the chapel, Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., on Saturday morning, Dec. 26, thence to the naval cemetery. Local and

CEMETERIES. The Great Pinelawn Cometery, Magnificent Mausoleum above ground. Office, 25 Broad St.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Madison Ave and 4th Street. The Rev. David H. Greer, D. D. rector. Service on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock Dr. Greer will preach.

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